

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-16, 23-36 and 45-47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 16 are amended and claims 45-47 are added. The amendments and added claims introduce no new matter. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-10, 12-16 and 23-36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,191,382 to Okamura et al. (hereinafter "Okamura"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 16 call for a first attaching portion comprising at least two attaching portions which are provided in the device frame to which to attach the first storage frame; and a second attaching portion comprising the at least two attaching portions and at least one auxiliary attaching portion, which are provided in the device frame to which to attach to attach the second frame.

Okamura's image forming system 50 uses the same pins 105 (that are placed inside corresponding holes of the image forming system 50) to position a cassette extender 102. Because Okamura uses the same pins 105 to attach all of the cassette extenders, Okamura cannot be said to have a second attaching portion that comprises not only the at least two attaching portions (used to attach the first storage frame), but also an auxiliary attaching portion.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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